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A Happy New Year.

To all the readers of THE CONSTITUTION and the rest of the world we wish a happy and prosperous New Year. To a great many, the old year, just gone, has brought health and happiness; to others, it has been indifferent kind; while to others it has brought misfortune and sorrow.

Let us hope that the New Year will be kinder to all—that it will lighten the burdens of grief and heal the sorrows of the unfortunate.

THE CONSTITUTION proposes to do its part toward making its readers brighter and happier during the New Year. It has no cause to complain of the old year. It has steadily grown in popularity and has received the most substantial evidence of the fact that it has a large place in the affections of the public.

Large as its field now is, THE CONSTITUTION proposes to enlarge it at the present year. It proposes to increase a circulation that is already satisfactory by increasing its efforts to please the people. It proposes to have a happy and prosperous New Year itself and to be the means of bringing happiness and content to its readers.

A HAPPY New Year to Mrs. Cleveland! It is a fragrant memory she will leave at the white house.

It is said that King Milan wants a premier. What's the matter with the renowned warrior, Colonel Elliot Shepard?

A Chance for a Northern Negro.

We printed yesterday the statement of a northern negro as to the treatment received by the colored people among the white people who make it a habit to mourn in their newspapers and on their platforms over the deplorable condition of the negroes in the south. This northern negro, who is a lawyer and an editor, and who must necessarily understand the situation there, asserts that his race is crowded out of all business, and is permitted to hold only the most servile positions.

The other side of the picture is to be found in a letter sent to the New Orleans Times-Democrat by a southern negro. This negro is so well satisfied that his race is better treated in the south than in the north, that he offers to put the matter to a test. His letter is as follows:

SOUTHERN P. O., Iberville Parish, La., December 29, 1888.—To the Editor of the Times-Democrat: In your paper of this date my attention was called to the following statement:

THE NEGRO IN THE NORTH.

"A few days ago the Times-Democrat called attention to the fact that the negro was treated much worse in the north than in the south, being crowded out of all the trades and industries, whereas here he is always certain of employment."

Now, sir, I desire to throw out this wager to any colored man in the north who dares to accept it.

First, I would say that in the parish of Iberville, La., within the last few years, I have competed against about fifty white levee contractors before the state board of engineers, under Governors McEnery and Nicholls. I have been under bond to the state of Louisiana for \$5,000, and will have constructed, when my present contract is completed, two more levees of twelve miles each, the work being done with white superintendents and colored superintendents, white laborers and colored laborers, working side by side and for the same wages. Now, to the point: If any colored man north of the Ohio river will send me at Soulard, La., a certified certificate from the secretary of state of any of the states north of the Ohio, showing that he has done two or more contracts for the state of Louisiana, and that he had white superintendents and colored superintendents, white laborers and colored laborers, all working for the same amount of wages according to their positions on his works, I will ship to his address, freight paid, a Jersey beaver, which is registered in the American Jersey Beavers Association, No. 100, New York, \$25. This wager will be kept open for ninety days. White and colored newspapers in the United States please copy. I speak not as a democrat, but as a Grant, Blaine and Harrison republican of the south. Very respectfully submitted,

THEOPHILE T. ALLAIN.

Now, here is a chance for some enterprising northern negro, if there are any such, to get a valuable cow, and, at the same time, prove to the world that in at least one northern state the pretended affection for southern negroes doesn't take the shape of oppressing northern negroes.

A HAPPY New Year to Hon. Samuel J. Randall. May his health be restored so that he will be able to stand up for good government and genuine democracy.

A HAPPY New Year to Mr. Cleveland. He has made a good president, and it is with regret that we see him retire.

The Shadow of a Sovereign.

During the past week the gay idlers of Paris have more than once noticed on the streets and in the public gardens a shattered wreck of a woman, richly but modestly dressed, and apparently shrinking from observation.

Parisians as a rule do not feel much interest in old women, and this strange-looking very old woman was white-haired, sad-faced, with sunken cheeks, lustreless eyes, and a feeble walk. People wondered why this lonely looking woman visited the garden of the Tuilleries, and when they heard that she was the countess of Pierrefonds the name threw no light upon the mystery.

And yet less than a generation ago this visor was the most beautiful sovereign in Europe. As the Empress Eugenie she ruled the hearts of her people while her stern husband swayed their heads. The fierce white light that beats upon a throne only made her beauty all the more radiant. Her whole existence was one of sunshine.

It is not strange that the worn and weary countess of Pierrefonds was unrecognized by those who had once shouted themselves hoarse at the sight of her fair face. De-throned, exiled, with only the graves of her husband and her son to remind her of her days of imperial power, what waves of bitterness must have swept over her proud soul when she stood without the gates of the palace where she once reigned the best loved empress of all the world!

Marius, amo, & the ruins of Carthage, made a gloomy picture, but this was a sadder one. No one looking upon this shadow of her former self would recognize the spirit of the woman who urged the French legions on to their doom in the fateful struggle with Prussia, saying exultantly, "Remember, this is my war!"

France has not forgotten Eugenie's war, and she has not forgotten it. Hurled her down from her high place, and left her broken-hearted, hopeless and helpless. But

this royal wanderer cannot suffer much longer. Death stalks behind her, and the vacant niche between the two Napoleons, father and son, will soon be occupied. And this will be the end of the most glittering pageant of pomp and pride that has ever dazzled the world in modern times!

A HAPPY New Year to Editor Watsonson. May he bring himself to realize the fact that the country is not in favor of free trade.

Vote for the Nominees.

It is the duty of every good democrat to turn out and vote today.

And it goes without saying that it is his duty to vote for the nominees of the party.

The ticket is a good one, and the slight show of opposition to Stewart and Avery should be promptly smashed.

Nothing but the most culpable indifference can endanger the success of the entire ticket. Every man on it will get a rousing vote if the democrats go to the polls.

This is the way to keep the party solid and harmonious, and it is the way to insure the election of good men.

Go to the polls and vote for the nominees!

A HAPPY New Year to Governor Gordon. May he be as successful in his farming operations as he is in the executive chair.

MR. GLADSTONE is 79 years old, and is still the greatest living statesman.

A New Orleans Nuisance.

There seems to be some trouble in New Orleans about smoking cars on the street railways. The newspapers there are printing editorials on the subject, and some of the citizens of the place are writing communications. Quite a controversy seems to have sprung up.

Ladies who get on the smoking cars complain of the nuisance, and men who smoke complain because the ladies ride in those particular cars. The theory is that if there are smoking cars the ladies should not ride in them, or that if they do ride, they should make no complaint.

Well, the remedy is a very simple one. Abolish the smoking cars. There is no more necessity for them than there is for drinking cars.

One is just as much an accommodation to the public as the other would be. If it is true that a smoking man cannot ride on a street car without smoking, it is also true that a drinking man cannot ride on a street car without drinking.

The truth is, the system as it exists in New Orleans and other cities is a relic. It is a nuisance that ought to be abated.

Smoking cars on the street railroads are not a necessity and never were, and there ought to be no place for them. There are none in Atlanta nor do gentlemen smoke in a car where ladies are ladies. Nobody is any the worse for the lack of smoking cars in Atlanta and nobody would be accommodated if there were any.

New Orleans is behind the times in this matter a long way behind the times. The Times-Democrat recognizes this fact, and goes further. It says that the smoking cars on the street railways are not only a foul nuisance, but unjust and illegal. This is true. They are no accommodation to the public, and therefore they are illegal.

New Orleans should suppress the smoking cars, and the result will be a great blessing to the public that rides either for pleasure or business.

The New Year is a good time to inaugurate this reform.

BROTHER BAYARD has smashed Hayti, so to speak, but Bismarck still holds on at Samoa.

A HAPPY New Year to General Harrison. May he make as good a president as Mr. Cleveland has made.

A Wild Scheme.

Some very absurd war reminiscences are getting into print these days.

The latest is a story told by a Richmond correspondent of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. The correspondent says that during the latter part of the war, Dr. John Hyler, a confederate surgeon, suggested to Judah P. Benjamin that it would be a good idea to organize a few brigades of the most beautiful young ladies in the south to fight the federals. It was his belief that the enemy would not fire upon so much loveliness, and that the nations of Europe would be so much impressed by the heroism of our women that they would at once recognize the confederacy.

Mr. Benjamin did not view the scheme favorably, and Dr. Hyler went off to see President Davis about it, but his capture, two days later, prevented the desired interview.

When a great newspaper is willing to print two columns of such nonsense as this, and call it war history, there is no telling what to expect. We seem to be as far from the truth of history now as we were just after the war. The Globe-Democrat should drop its historical articles and stick to its snake stories. If it can't instruct its readers, let it amuse them.

"TARIFF reform," says the Boston Herald, "is a very live corpse." This is true, Our only fear is that live tariff reform of the Watterson variety will not make a corpse out of the democratic party in 1892.

WHEN A Boston man dies without leaving anything to Harvard college the conclusion is that he was demented.

How to Study the Race Problem.

The Albany News and Advertiser takes our view of the coming solution of the race problem. It says:

THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION has done the country a great service, but it has never advanced an idea or taken a position better calculated to benefit the south than that the race problem would find a peaceful solution in an influx of northern emigrants to the south. The News and Advertiser has long believed this, and has frequently expressed it. It has also been fully convinced that policy and interest with which the northern man is interested when he comes south, where he is brought face to face with a question with which he now has only a newspaper acquaintance. The ideal and the real are never identical, and sentiment and erroneous impressions dissipate before true knowledge. The southern white man gives the negro justice, and the northern white man can do no more than give the negro justice, and their judgment of the situation is wrong.

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True nature's law my love doth prove;

As yeas the flower for warmth and light,

As morn the task to regions bright,

As morn the rose dove—dove, and night,

True love for thee—my life, my love!

Claes A. Read.

make themselves familiar with the facts of the case.

A northerner makes a mighty good southerner when he settles in the black belt and surveys the situation.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

GENERAL HARRISON appears to be stranded just now between "Old Sir" and Bill Nye.

It is said that Mrs. Ingalls has persuaded her husband not to write any more infidel articles for the magazine.

ELLA WHEELER WILCOX has written a poem said to be so good that it will make the average reader's hair stand on end.

THE NEW YORK HERALD'S El Paso special tells the truth about the attempted revolution in the city of Mexico, our sister republic has escaped a great danger. Mexico is enjoying the best government she has ever had, and a bloody outbreak in season of general peace and prosperity is greatly to be deplored. It is to be feared that the affair will lead to the persecution of many priests and innocent persons who look no active part in the uprising.

EDISON CLAIMS that he is able to transmit messages by the phonograph. His new-fangled way will not be popular. The old fashioned may be slower, but it is more satisfactory.

SIX NEW HOUSES for residences are in the hands of architects for West End for this year.

SEVERAL CONGRESSMEN have nearly killed themselves smoking strong cigars. Smoking seems to be more injurious in Washington than it is anywhere else.

CRIMINALS AND INSANE persons are strongly tempted to imitate the crimes they see or read about in the newspapers. A contemporary mentions the following instances: "A lady received such a vivid impression on seeing her maid throw herself down a well that she never passed a well without feeling a strong impulse to follow her maid into it." Another lady, who had been compelled to kill a man, obeyed the impulse on the first night of her confinement.

Another lady, who was present at the execution of a criminal, and was immediately seized with an impulse of which she was fully conscious and could scarcely resist, to murder some one. A child, six years old, strangled its younger brother. The father and mother, entering the room, saw the child was in process of self-murder, demanded the cause. The child threw itself into the arms of its parents and answered that it was imitating the devil, whom it had seen strangling.

MANY A SILLY FELLOW will boast today that he has been drunk only once this year.

THE PHILADELPHIA RECORD seems to think that its town need well filled cemeteries as the first step in the direction of genuine prosperity.

THE BIG CITY papers are all poking fun at a small town in Connecticut, because the people there refuse to moderate it. It is all right. Nudie and the proprietor of a hotel are in a tussle over the clause in the hotel's bill.

THE PROVINCE'S don't want Apollo Belville without his pants, and they are not far wrong.

WEST END is GETTING ready for a first-class electric plant, to light the streets and private residences.

SOLEMN SAYINGS.

The modern full dress is full indeed—of suggestions.

On the night of March 14th, Grover Cleveland and Ben Harrison will dance a minuet at the inaugural ball. And Lige Haldorf will whistle, "God Save the Corn."

A solid citizen sat down with marked impatience to open a letter from the Board street railway company. When he was seated to his feet the bystanders were amazed to find deeply indented in the solid stone four letters. Closely scrutinized they proved to be "d-a-m-n," followed by an exclamation point of mammoth proportions.

Both Jim Riley and Bill Nye part their hair in the middle. The only difference is that the parting is longer and more touchingly pathetic with William than with James.

Adam was a sorry neighbor. When he presented Eve with a spine rib he was too stingy to throw it in a piece of bacon.

Well, this does pretty well for a new year. But it will improve as it grows older.

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DAUGHTER'S STORY
COUNTY FARMER TELLS THIS STORY

fourteen-Year-Old Daughter Stolen
Peddler—Description Given of the
The Peddler—He Bewailed
Police—They are on a police
Jim Wrighton, I am to the
—a man fifty years old or more,
gray jeans and boggans, etc., and
the farmer was a child ten or twelve
years old.
Answered the captain.

"captain," said the old farmer in a
nervous fashion, "my little gal"
were running down his cheeks and his
tears as he fumbled at a button on
his shirt.

"Sir," he repeated, "captain, my little
gal."

"I said the little boy, "maybe sister's
Alabama where Aunt Mary lives."

Man shook his head and brushed the
tears from his cheeks in silence.

about it," said the captain.

sir, my name is J. L. Melton and
five miles from Marietta, in Cobb Co.

My little gal was stolen by a man
William Cox."

It was that?"

It was a week ago—last Friday was

old is your daughter?"

young father, and a mighty likely like
captain. Her mother."

I am choked back the tears and let
the button again.

"Is Cox?" asked the captain.
as a tin peddler. He had been stop-
and there for about two weeks."

of the time."

did he look like?"

about thirty-five years old, low and
had dark eyes and hair."

the girl?"

little gal? She's tall and has blue
eyes. Captain, I ain't a rich man and
offer no big reward, but you tell me
if they'll find my little gal we
have the biggest halo of cotton
in the next biggest one, too, if

I try to find them," said the cap-
tain, "if they find her tell me
know sooner before they tell the
She's heart broken about it, cap-
tains look after that," said the captain.

"I'll give 'em more'n two!"

but that's as much as I make eve-

I'm goin' right back on the next

THE CONSTITUTION if they don't
print a little piece about it."

all we can," promised the
captain.

God bless you for that," said the
old woman will thank you."

Good-by captain."

minutes later he was on his way

police made inquiries for the the
tin peddler, but up to 2 o'clock
nothing was heard. The search is being kept up and maybe
tomorrow will carry the new
man that his daughter is found.

ONE ON BEDFORD.

men have a good one on Detecti-

two Bed ford put on his false
pair of spec's, and a silk beaver, and had
himself an excellent one and not one
in ten recognized it.

Yesterday, as Bed ford and Cason were wading
in the mud on Front street, they met an old
county friend and stopped to ch-

they had talked awhile, Bed ford happened
to drop a pipe, and drawing it from the
water showed it to his friend.

He remarked, "there's a \$1,000 man,"

Campbell county man looked perplexed
whence that was.

the truth," said Cason, in a chuckle.

I knew it," confirmed the Camp-

ley man. "You can't fool me, when a man
like them. Their mean eyes."

That's what I stand it longer. He sat down
and smiled, and smiled audibly.

Campbell county man looked perplexed
whence that was.

THE OLD YEAR.

Media, December 31, MDCCLXXVII

tell the solemn bells,

walk with muffled tread,

the clock at midnight tells

its strokes: "The Old Year dead."

him laid upon his back,

his face of ashen hue,

upon his cheek a tear

as he bade earth adieu.

he wept that he was lost

to leave this world of ours,

since he had failed through sloth

to aid with all his power!

It was because he felt

his gifts were unclaimed,

the thought at his heart did melt

his eyes with tears suffice.

a night of sorrow have

the wan cheek, when men misused

them which to them he gave,

and his gifts were thus abused.

beneath the teardrops stain

the gloving trace

brightness not of pain,

which blazes his pallid face.

Since this pure and holy sheen

in, bright and beauteous grace,

in a halo clothes his mien—

gives a glory to his face!

of noble deeds the light,

which by him in life were wrought,

their radiance pure and bright,

the calm in death was caught,

the eye of the stars above.

the fight the hand for him has made,

our tears the place shall have

here his aged form is laid.

one comes to take his place;

it is the fair New Year,

the bright and beaming day

singing light our hearts to cheer.

is this stranger as kind

the fond Old Year did prove,

unto our hearts we'd bind

the strongest cords of love.

when death shall call him home,

his soul to grave,

in having sorrow come

in our hearts his tomb to have.

—Clyde A. Fox.

SOME SWEAR OFF.
THE DAY UPON WHICH PROMISES
ARE MADE.

Major Miller Adds a Page to Unwritten His-
tory—Those Who Have Turned Over a
New Leaf for '89.

The hand along Time's dial plate
Down to the contemplation
of last faint feelings of mark
How many dies the year but mark!
The clock is striking. With a sob
The Old Year dies, and now the throb
And thrill of vigorous life strikes again
The pulsing arteries of the new.
One dies that the other may be born;
Night bids the Old that shining morn
May wed the New. Ah, the last stroke fell,
Tis two o'clock, and—all is well!

—Montgomery M. Folson.

This is the day upon which man swear off
and ladies turn over a new leaf for the year.
But it is not every one who can cling to the
new resolution during the year.

How the "swear off" and the "new leaf"
originated, history and encyclopedias neglect
to say; but Major Miller, of the Kimball,
says he knows the story:

"Adam was the first man to swear off," says
the major, "but like nearly every other sinner
he swore off too late. He swore he'd never
eat the forbidden fruit again, but he got
bitten off the branch in the garden anyhow."

"Then Jonah swore off while he was floating
around with a whale, and Lot's wife turned
around a moment about the time that pillar of
salt appeared."

"In more recent days Uncle Billy Waters
swore off and went to the alms house. Jumbo
Hunter swore off last January, but took the
turkey before the year was out. Tyler Cooper
turned over a new leaf and made one of the
best mayors during the year Atlanta ever had.
"But that's one thing I never did. I never
swore off."

A great many Atlantans have sworn off
though, and here are some of them.

SONS WHO WILL SWEAR OFF.

Major Cooper will not eat a weiner wurst
during '89.

Carl Weinheimer will not present anything
but a fine bill of fare.

L. E. Givie and Charley Howard will play
nothing but first-class attractions.

Cap Joyner will not have a heavy fire less
during '89.

Ed. Callaway will smoke nothing but a
principle.

Julius L. Brown will no around the world
again.

James Woodward, the councilman, will not
make another railroad ordinance.

Billy Sparks will not sell anything but the
freshest beef.

H. H. Snook will not allow the drays to
blockade Marietta street.

C. A. Collier will not enter politics during
'89, unless a mighty good snap presents itself.

Andy Stewart will not feel proud unless a
big majority is given him tomorrow.

Albert Cox will not take less than a \$5,000
law fee.

Colonel Peg Leg Williams: "I shall swear
off from not sending 500 emigrants over my
line to the west every month of 1889—if I can
get them, that is."

Colonel Thos. Hammond, Sr.: "I was just
thinking whether or not I will swear off from
smoking. I'll let you know next year what I
decide to do in reference to this important
matter."

Colonel Ish. Dunn: "I think I'll have to
swear off everything. Of course that includes
cigar."

Colonel John Calvin: "I am not going to
swear off from a single thing. I'm going along
in 1889 just the same."

Mr. B. F. Blake: "I have sworn off from
nothing."

Mr. Joe Latimer: "Charley Walker and I
are going to swear off from not doing a larger
business in the emigrant line in 1889 than we
have done in 1888."

SOME WHO WON'T.

Judge Street: "I have got nothing to swear
off from. I stopped drinking four years ago,
and I went all through the campaign without
touching a drop."

Judge Marshall: "I shall not
swear off. Nothing to swear off about, and I am
getting too old for that sort of thing anyway."

Jailer Pool: "I believe I shall swear off
from dessert, cakes, pies and other such things.
They spoil the digestion and I believe I'll leave
the office off."

Judge Odom: "I'll swear off just anything
that I remember just now."

Major Sidney Root: "I have nothing on my
catalogue to swear off from. I shall go on as I
have been going and try to do all the good I
can and be happy."

NEW YEAR CHANGES.

The first of the year brings many changes.

Among the changes announced is one from
Greely, the weather man. Greely generally
generalized the weather, and with his usual
activity sent a message to the Atlanta observer
last night, saying:

10 p.m.—Ho! cold wave signal. Temperature
will fall about fifteen degrees by 8 a.m. January 2.
The coal dealers will be glad to hear this, but
no one will.

A BIG BILL.

Argued Before Judge Hutchins, in the State
Library. Yesterday.

An important bill for the appointment of a
receiver was argued before Judge Hutchins, in
the state library, and was referred to a committee.

The installation ceremonies were conducted
by Commander Watson, and the following officers were installed: Commander Joseph H. Thibadeau, senior vice
commander; Ira Swartz, junior vice commander; and Thomas K. Mulligan, aide-de-camp. Colonel Farrel, Atlanta; C. M. D. Brown; captain, J. C. Kinney; officer of the guard, A. E. Buck.

Colonel Thibadeau and Vice-Commander
Swartz both made short speeches, and the
ceremony passed off most pleasantly.

A BIG BILL.

Gus Todd don't care whether it gets cold or not.
Why? Shropshire, Johnson & Co. have dissolved.
Mr. Johnson has gone out and Mr. Shropshire has
come in. They are to be partners in the business.

It is now Shropshire & Dodd. Gus
Todd is a hard worker and after three years,
finds his name on the house's door plate. It
goes without saying that the name will stay
there.

Carl Werber is sending out a pretty New
Year card. It shows the F. W. Cook
Brewing company's buildings in Evans
ville, just like a photograph.

Charles Beermann of the Kimball and Papa
Maxwell, of the Marsham, are thinking
of giving each other a banquet. Barbecued pig,
a-la-not-cut-up, will be on the bill of fare.

Cock fighting has been furnishing lots of
fun and a dozen men of the city have
been butchered in the pit and some mighty
fine chicken pies have been eaten in the
house.

But the fighters have sworn off after today.

J. W. Kilpatrick & Co., at 38 Houston
street, make a change. The company goes out
and Kilpatrick stays in.

New Year's Police Circles.

The last case entered for '88 on the state
docket was against Isaac Mann, a white man,
charged with larceny, and arrested by Abbott and
Walton.

AN ECLIPSE TODAY.

THE SUN WILL TAKE A SHORT VISIT.

A Total Eclipse of the Sun on New Year's Day—Who Will Find Those Planets—Other News.

Look out for the eclipse.

It isn't often that the year starts out with a total eclipse and for this reason, and for other reasons, New Year's day '88 will be a memorable one.

It will be a total eclipse of the sun and aside from the popular interest that always attaches to such an eclipse, heightened by the fact that for the first time in centuries the eclipse occurs on New Year's day, there is a peculiarly favorable state of affairs that makes it of the highest possible interest to astronomers and scientific men in general.

In other words, it's the most important eclipse of which there is any record.

Get your smoked glass ready and watch the sun.

An eclipse of the sun is caused by the passage of the moon between the sun and the earth. The moon is at a standstill about the side of the moon away from the sun, and towards the earth, there extends up into space a black conical shadow, the point of the cone making a shadow about 100 miles in circumference, and as the earth revolves the black circular shadow is about 390 miles wide. In this belt the eclipse is total.

Besides the black shadow, there is a lighter shadow, or penumbra, which traces a much wider belt than the other, and in this belt the eclipse is partial.

The path of the total eclipse extends in a northeasterly direction through California, Nevada, Idaho and Montana, ending just beyond the Canada line, near Lake Winnipeg.

The leading observers of the United States and numbers of them from Europe, will be stationed in California. Unfortunately the great Lick observatory is not in this belt, but about one hundred miles south of it. The finest apparatus in the world is here and the more delicate work possible. Professor Le Conte and party will be stationed with all the movable apparatus at a point in the total eclipse path.

This belt are Yellowstone park and Fort Buford, and in addition to the parties of science, many tourists and pleasure-seekers will go to these places from the surrounding states.

The most important astronomical problem to be solved today is as to the existence of a planet between Mercury and the sun. For years this has been a mooted question, and through the fine historical existence of the planet seen from a French ancient astronomer, American scientists have been most prominent and sanguine in sustaining the theory.

At any rate, the scientists of the entire civilization are interested in this question of interest for the result of today's observations.

Then, again, there are many puzzling questions as to the corona. In the first place, is the corona, or crown of light around the sun's black disc, an actual appendage of the sun? Are there points on the sun's surface, or is it all a mere optical delusion? Of late years this latter theory has advanced wonderfully and every total eclipse, however brief or however unfavorable for observation, has been watched and re-watched with the hope of gaining some knowledge.

The use of photographs in recording the phenomena has been of the greatest importance, and the use of photography today will be more general and more effective than ever before.

But the scientists will have all that to thank, and not all the people that see the eclipse tomorrow will ever know or care whether there is a planet between Mercury and the sun, or whether the fantastic forms around the sun's disc are real or imaginary.

The public and the press will forget everything but their black shadows and watch it in silence and awe. The miners in the great northwest and the fur hunters in Canada will lay down their picks and guns and traps, and the northwest Indians will tell their ugly war stories of their spirits' sleepings. Away off in China and India and frozen Siberia, the rural Asiatics will beat gongs and drums and ring the bells to ward off choleran, the black disease.

In Atlanta this afternoon, between 4 and 5 o'clock, you can watch through your smoked glass and reflect that it will be centuries and centuries before another total eclipse happens on New Year's.

And, maybe, some Atlanta man will discover that other planet.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is the prescription of one of the best female physicians and nurses in the United States, and has been used for forty years by millions of mothers for their children. Twenty-five cents a bottle.**For Abuse of Alcohol**
Use Horsford's Acid Phosphate.

Dr. W. E. CRANE, Mitchell, Dask, says: "It has almost a specific for this disorder: It checks the appetite, restores the appetite, and, at the same time allays the fear of impending dissolution, that is so common to heavy drinkers."

New departure! Three lb. snapper steak, 25¢. Cheaper than beef. Try them. H. F. Emery.

A WONDERFUL TALE**Told By a Business Firm of This City.**

Christmas with its enjoyment, hurry and strife has passed into history. It has been a phenomenal one to us. Never before in the history of the south has there been a such a retail business transacted in one day as we had on December 23rd. Commencing as early as 5 o'clock a.m., when most of the city were asleep, we were preparing for the rush that we knew was coming, and it is good that we did, for 8 o'clock, from the bustle of a general selection of tapers for those whose names were enough to be mentioned with 11 o'clock, there was one constant stream of living humanity, bent upon securing the needed Santa Claus supply to the more substantial man, egg and such like. At half-past nine o'clock we balanced cash with our young lady cashier. The cash drawer was one solid mass of silver, bills, coins, tokens, tokens, and after each salesman's check was added to the grand total stock, we found the enormous sum of one day's cash sales in a retail grocery store to be \$10,000.

Wonderful, no such business was ever done before in this country, and we are disposed to believe that it will be a long time before another such achievement is accomplished. We draw the crowd.

Now to buy what is upon us. January 1st will be here. You are invited by us to come with good wife or husband, to get a fine turkey, dry dressed. Over three hundred customers who got fancy turkeys at our store on Christmas can say how well all of them were selected. We will have more of the same kind on Monday. Every person reading this advertisement that wants the best goods, will be pleased to note that the price to save \$100 to \$200 this year, should make up their mind right now that on the 1st of January, 1888, they will enroll their name as a customer. If you do, you will be well pleased, and by the end of the year will have saved enough to present all the family, those who were born in this year, with a handsome Christmas present. Thanking the generous patronage for the year about to close, we wish you all a happy New Year. Hoyt & Thorn.

MERRY CHRISTMAS.**Cheap Excursions for the Holidays.**

Old and new Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia railway will give its passengers a Christmas present this year in the shape of reduced rates for holidays. Round trip tickets will be sold between all points on its lines and to all principal points east of the Mississippi and south to the Ohio and Potomac. The rates are one-half off for round trip. Tickets will be sold December 21st to 26th inclusive, good to return until January 3rd, 1888, will also be sold December 26th to 31st inclusive, good to return until January 5th, 1888.

MONEY TO LOAN

On long time, real estate security. Purchase money notes bought. The Merchants' and Mechanics' Banking and Loan company.

A. L. Hinton, Pres., Jas. L. Logan, Jr., Cashier.

Red snapper, wholesale, 6 cents, per lb. Emery's.

Lucy Hinton the Leader.

Lucy Hinton tobacco, manufactured by T. C. Williams & Co., Richmond, Va., is finest and best tobacco. Price 10¢ per lb.

Two cent stamp for salesmen at Constitution office.

AT THE STATE HOUSE.

Governor Gordon Vetoes Two Bills and Signs Several Measures.

Six bills which were held over for consideration by Governor Gordon were passed upon yesterday.

He withheld his signature from two and affixed it to the following:

Two Bills Vetoed.

Governor Gordon has vetoed the following bills:

House bill No. 73 authorizes the mayor and council of Montezuma to establish a system of public schools at that place.

Section 9th of the bill provides for the payment of the incidental costs of the clerk of the superior court of Fulton county, sheriff, Columbus county by order of the county treasurer.

This bill was vetoed because general laws provide how the costs of these offices shall be paid, and article I, section 4, paragraph 1 of the constitution forbids the enactment of a special law where provision is made by a general law.

House bill No. 75 authorizes the mayor and council of Montezuma to establish a system of public schools at that place.

Section 9th of the bill provides that money raised from the taxation of the property of white children, colored children, and money raised from the taxation of the property of colored people shall be applied to the education of colored children.

The governor vetoed this bill on the ground that article 8, section 1, paragraph 1, contemplates the education of colored children, except that they shall be taught in separate schools. The governor also held that section ninth of this bill is opposed to the policy of the fourteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States.

Bills Signed.

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To amend the act to protect game and birds in the county of Macon.

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Specialist in small diseases of the Rectum, especially piles, bleeding or protruding or protruding and non-healing, also Rectal Ulcers, Fissure, Fistulae, Anus and Anal Tumors, without the same, or other torturing implements, and guarantees every case to accept for treatment.

No Pains or Detention From Business.

The old regular treatment for piles required chitos, stretching of the sphincter muscles, and drawing out the rectum with forceps from a screw cutter, &c. These caustics are used to remove lancing an hour or more. Powders are then administered to ease the pain, compelling the patient to remain in bed for two or three weeks, with anger from second stage, liability to erosion, stricture and fistula, much suffering, during a protracted recovery.

Now Notice the Contrast.

This new and painless system of treating disease of the rectum not only does away with all the

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Therefore all persons engaged in the manufacturing business in Atlanta are earnestly requested to send exhibits of specimens of their work to the headquarters of the Manufacturers' association without delay. The idea is to place on exhibition specimens of every article manufactured in Atlanta.

Remember, all the manufacturers, big and little, in the city, are invited to send in exhibits, and they can begin today. Mr. J. S. Peterson will be on hand to receive the articles of home manufacture and place them in position.

The object is to have on exhibition at headquarters something representing every manufacturer.

Applications for membership in the Atlanta Manufacturers' association are coming in rapidly, and all remember that blank applications for membership can be obtained from the directors.

Mr. Wylie stated that his business was such that he could not perform all the duties devolving upon the secretary, and it was decided to engage the services of a capable gentleman to act as manager of the association, and to superintend the labors of Mr. Wylie as secretary.

A first-class man is needed to fill this important position, and great care will be exercised by the board in making the selection.

Mr. Hanson submitted a proposition to the board in regard to the establishment of a watch factory in Atlanta. He has invented a watch which he claims is the cheapest, simplest and best in the world, and desires to put in a plant line at a cost of \$125,000, with capacity to turn out 100,000 watches a year.

He has been in touch with him under advisement, and will hear from Mr. Hanson in detail at a future meeting.

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THE HOME INDUSTRIES.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE MANUFACTURE ASSOCIATION

Select Headquarters Yesterday—The Hall in the Chamber of Commerce Building the Place.

The directors of the Atlanta Manufacturers' association met yesterday afternoon in the CONSTITUTION office.

There were present President E. P. Howell, Secretary James R. Wylie and Messrs. Dan Speer, H. W. Grady, J. C. Kimball, Martin Amorus, Isaac Boyd and Dr. J. W. Rankin.

ATLANTA IS THE PLACE.

Secretary Wylie handed in a letter from Mr. H. A. Louis, of Topeka, Kansas, asking to be directed to a suitable location in the south for a steam cracker and bread factory. Mr. Louis stated in the letter that he has the complete machinery for such a plant now lying idle.

Mr. Wylie addressed Mr. Louis a reply in which he directed him to Atlanta, and asked that there are only two factories of the kind in question in Atlanta at present, both making money—that an association was now being organized here to assist people in establishing manufacturers in Atlanta, and that he would be glad to answer any further questions in relation to the matter.

A HOME FOR THE ASSOCIATION SELECTED.

Secretary Wylie, from the committee appointed to select suitable headquarters for the Atlanta Manufacturers' association, submitted a report to the board, and said that he had conferred with President Oglesby of the Chamber of commerce, on the subject, and with him had looked through the hall on the second floor of the chamber of commerce building; that the hall, a comfortable from office and two back rooms, could be secured for \$50 a month. Mr. Wylie thought the hall, which is 45x85, the rooms would answer the purposes of the association.

On motion of Mr. Speer the report was accepted, and President Howell was directed to enter into a written agreement with the chamber of commerce to lease the hall to the association for \$50 a month.

So the Atlanta Manufacturers' association will take possession of their headquarters to day.

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He emphasized this by saying that he understood there was a small debt hanging over the building, so he proposed to give fifty dollars toward liquidating that.

His example was judicious. Others caught the spirit of generosity, and the result was that \$152 was subscribed in a few minutes, and the debt was paid. The school is now out of debt with a good home, heated with a good stove and furnished with carpeted room and aisles, and there is no better property in Atlanta.

Do you have dyspeptic troubles? Take Hood's Sarsaparilla, which has relieved thousands and will cure you. Sold by druggists.

Central Railroad and Banking Company or Georgia.

SAVANNAH, Ga., December 5th, 1888.—A dividend of 100% on each share has been declared, payable on the 21st.

Stockholders meeting will be held on Friday, December 21st at 11 o'clock. Stockholders and their families will be passed free to the meeting from the 18th to the 21st, including, and return free from the 21st to the 23d, inclusive.

Electoral meeting will be held in Savannah Monday, January 7th, 1889. Stockholders and their families will be passed free to the election, from the 4th to the 7th, inclusive, and be returned free from the 7th to the 10th, inclusive.

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